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- 1. Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement;
- 2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
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- 4. One (1) return postcard.

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